

Application No. 10/007,281
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

R E M A R K S

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

RE: THE ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 4, 5, 12 and 13 is respectfully acknowledged.

New claims 17, 23, 29 and 35 have been prepared to recite the subject matter of (now canceled) allowable claims 4, 5, 12 and 13, respectively, rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their parent claims.

In addition, new dependent claims 18-22 and 24-28 have been prepared to recite the subject matter of (now canceled) dependent claims 2, 3 and 6-8, respectively; and new dependent claims 30-34 and 36-40 have been prepared to recite the subject matter of (now canceled) dependent claims 10, 11 and 14-16, respectively.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that new claims 17-40 be approved and entered and it is respectfully submitted that new claims 17-40 are in condition for immediate allowance.

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RE: CLAIM FEE

The application was originally filed with 16 claims of which 2 were independent. The application now contains 24 claims, of which 4 are independent. Accordingly, a claim fee in the amount of \$400 for the addition of 1 extra independent claim and 4 extra claims in total is attached hereto. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees which may be determined to be required to Account No. 06-1378.

RE: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner did not act on the IDS filed with the original application on December 3, 2001. As suggested by the Examiner in a telephone conference on October 5, 2005, submitted herewith is a duplicate copy of the IDS of December 3, 2001, together with the return receipt postcard evidencing USPTO receipt thereof. It is requested that the Examiner act on the IDS of December 3, 2001 and return an initialed copy of the form PTO/SB/08A to indicate that the publication listed thereon has been considered and made of record.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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